GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Oncology
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of number of persons suffering from different types of cancer and attributable deaths thereof during the last three years, State/UT-wise;

(b) the number of oncologists working in the Government sector;

(c) the details of Government medical colleges having oncology wards, State/UT-wise; and

(d) whether the Government provides/proposes to provide financial assistance to the persons suffering from cancer, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)
(a): As per Indian Council of Medical Research's cancer registry data; the estimated number of incidence and mortality of cancer cases in the country during 2014-2016, State / UT wise is given at Annexure I & II.

(b) & (c): As health is a State subject, no such data is maintained centrally. While doctors with D. M. (Medical Oncology), M.Ch (Surgical Oncology) and M.D. (Radiation Oncology) treat Cancer patients in higher level tertiary care hospitals, Cancer is also treated in hospitals by other Doctors such as General Surgeons, Gynaecologists, ENT Surgeons etc., depending on the type and site of Cancer. In fact, Cancer is being diagnosed and treated at various levels in the Government health care system.

(d): Though public health is a State subject, Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments under free drug service initiative and National Programme for Prevention and Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke (NPCDCS) under National Health Mission based on their Programme Implementation Plans. The treatment of Cancer in many of the State and Centre Government institutions is free for BPL patients and subsidized for others.
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The Government is providing financial assistance to patients living below poverty line for life threatening diseases under the schemes such as Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi (RAN), Health Minister's Cancer Patient Fund (HMCPF), State Illness Assistance Fund (SIAF) and Health Minister's Discretionary Grant (HMDG).

Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) outlets have been opened at 84 Institutions/Hospitals with an objective to make available Cancer and Cardiovascular Diseases drugs and implants at discounted prices to the patients.
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